

REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 18-20 have been canceled. Therefore, applicant respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-51 stand provisionally rejected based on double patenting under 35 U.S.C. §101, as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-50 of co-pending Application No. 09/785,147.

Co-pending Application No. 09/785,147 has been expressly abandoned. Therefore, applicant respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection. For the Examiners convenience, a copy of the Express Abandonment is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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